Freedom Youth Squad Demands #NoCopsinSchools

Our youth have had an incredibly busy year becoming leaders in their campaign to get cops out of Madison's public schools. Their efforts have included facilitating over a dozen teach-ins to youth across the city, launching a postcard campaign to send hundreds of handwritten messages to the school board, and showing up to every single school board meeting on this topic to give testimony. They won't stop until their demands are heard!

Understand the Issue

What is the problem? Madison Metropolitan School District spends $360,000 each year on police officers in schools. But instead of making students of color feel safe, these officers are more likely to punish or even use violence against students of color.

What is the solution? Our youth are demanding community control over school discipline, and shifting these financial resources to things that benefit students of color.
Our Elders Speak at Hmong American Heritage Day

Hmong women from Freedom, Inc. and partner organizations hosted a lunch and teach-in at the Wisconsin State Capitol on May 14, 2018. They told stories and spoke about how Hmong women are artists, healers, caretakers, and historians. The event was part of the commemoration of Hmong-Lao Veterans Appreciation Day.

Hmong Language Classes

We are also proud to report that one of our board members, Cua Xiong, has been teaching Hmong language classes to our elders and our youth so that they can improve their Hmong reading, writing, and literacy skills.

Black Community Cookout and Outreach

All summer long, Freedom, Inc. will be holding community cookout events for our Black members, and their friends and family! Please join us to learn more about the organization and all that we are doing to strengthen the Black community in Madison.
#SayHerName Week of Action

Our Black women and girls participated in a national week of action in June for #SayHerName, calling attention to the Black women who were murdered by state violence. Led by Black Feminist Future, our members built an altar to remember and honor the lives of these women.

New Community Power Building Program

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Community Power Building program, which focuses on creating leaders throughout Wisconsin and lifting communities from within.

Khmer Community Addresses Deportation

In response to threats of deportation in the Madison Cambodian community, we held a town hall to bring everyone together, educate about resources, and address this injustice.

Growing Our Dance and Culture Programming

Our dance programs in Khmer dance, Hmong dance, and breakdancing continue to grow and thrive through performances, competitions, and political education on the history of these culturally-specific art forms.
Books & Breakfast
needs your support
Our celebrated summer literacy program is in session every Saturday. Please contact us if you are interested in making a donation to help us grow the program and send every participant home with books for their family.

Join one of our groups:
Our anti-violence work includes culturally specific one-on-one support, case management, advocacy, and weekly support groups. Some of our culturally specific programs are:

- **Black Girls Matter** for Black girls
- **Debra’s Love** for Black women and seniors
- **Freemen** for Southeast Asian boys
- **Freethinkers** for Black adult education and liberation
- **Khmer Ankor Dance Group** for Cambodian youth
- **Khmer Women’s Healing** for Khmer women elders
- **Lotus Youth Group** for Cambodian youth
- **Nkauj Hmoob** for Southeast Asian girls
- **PLUS (People Like Us)** for queer youth of color
- **Rhythm for Freedom** dance program for boys of color
- **Viv Ncaus** art and dance program for Hmong girls
- **Wisdom Project** for Hmong women elders

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